



**Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs**  
**One North Capitol, Suite 600**  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204

## **“Rural Matters” Photo Contest**

In order to highlight the beauty of rural Indiana, Lt. Governor Becky Skillman and the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) are hosting the “Rural Matters” photo contest. Hoosier photographers, amateur and professional, are invited to submit up to five entries for potential use in OCRA’s promotional materials and public display.

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- Entrants must be over 18 years old and citizens of the State of Indiana;
- Up to five entries per photographer will be considered;
- Images must be digital (no prints will be accepted);
- Images should measure 1536 x 1024 pixels or larger;
- All photos must be in color (no black and white photos will be accepted);
- All photos must be submitted by the original photographer and entrant must hold the copyright;
- All photos must have been taken in rural Indiana within the last five years;
- Photos may be submitted in the following categories:
  - Architecture;
  - Business;
  - Cities and towns;
  - Education;
  - Landscape;
  - Nature; and
  - Recreation.

### **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

- Completed release form for each photograph submitted (may be submitted electronically);
- Completed model release form for any pictures featuring recognizable individuals (sample release forms can be found on the Internet). Entrants should check with an attorney with any legal questions regarding model releases;
- Photographs submitted via e-mail to [OCRAphotocontest@gmail.com](mailto:OCRAphotocontest@gmail.com) or CD to the Office of Community and Rural Affairs. (CDs will not be returned.)

### **JUDGING/WINNERS:**

Photographs will be judged on creativity, technical quality, and effectiveness of conveying the spirit of rural Indiana. A winner will be chosen in each category as well as an overall winner. Winners will receive recognition from Lt. Governor Becky Skillman and the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and will have their photographs publicly displayed at the Indiana Statehouse. Any photographs deemed inappropriate by the judges will be automatically disqualified. Winners will be notified by phone or email by May 16.

**USE OF PHOTOGRAPHS:**

By entering this contest, photographers of winning and non-winning entries consent to the use of their photographs in promotional items including but not limited to Web sites, brochures, newsletters, exhibit booths, banners, books, pamphlets, or electronic formats by OCRA and the State of Indiana without compensation. Photographers retain copyright privileges for their photographs.

**MODIFICATIONS TO PHOTOGRAPHS:**

- Permissible modifications include red-eye reduction, cropping, resizing, and other modifications to enhance the natural appearance of the image including adjustments to contrast, brightness, intensity, etc.
- Photographers may not add borders, frames, copyright indicators, or objects that were not a part of the original photograph. Photographers may not replace/delete elements within the image or use an artistic filter.
- Photographers should strive to maintain the natural appearance of their photographs.

**Entries (with a completed release form) must be received by 11:59 p.m. EST, March 28, 2008. Late entries will not be considered. Completed entries may be sent to:**

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c/o Jennifer Stevens

One North Capitol Avenue, Suite 600  
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or

[OCRAphotocontest@gmail.com](mailto:OCRAphotocontest@gmail.com)

Date \_\_\_\_\_